

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 08-02-05**

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Commission Meeting: February 5, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CenturyTel N2008.1.5 (Scott)

On January 15, 2008, CenturyTel of Montana Inc. filed Transmittal No. 08-01, New Permanent Offerings of Local Tariff. The offerings are: Caller ID Extra, Caller ID Plus and Winback. On January 18, 2008, CenturyTel filed a

replacement tariff page to revise the Winback offering in order to apply it to business customers as well as residential customers. The "Caller ID Extra" offering is available to residential customers who subscribe to Caller ID, Call Waiting, Call Waiting ID and Call Forwarding for a package price of \$10.95 per month. In addition, all applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. The "Caller ID Plus" offering is available to residential customers who subscribe to Caller ID, Call Waiting and Call Waiting ID, where available, for a package price of \$8.95 per month. In addition, all applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. The third offering, "Winback" is available to residential and business customers who previously established service with another Local Exchange Carrier and who now wish to return to CenturyTel for Local Service. In this offering the Company will waive the applicable nonrecurring charges for each access line ordered. The Company requests an effective date of February 15, 2008, for this filing. Probable motion: Approve CenturyTel's Transmittal No. 08-01 in Docket N2008.1.5.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2007.10.124 – 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – Petition for Arbitration for an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications, Inc. – Consider 3 Rivers Motion for Protective Order. (2/5/08)
2. D2007.11.129 – Qwest Corporation and Telrite Corporation – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement. (2/5/08)
3. D2007.11.132 – Qwest Corporation and NOS Communications Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement. (2/5/08)
4. D2007.11.133 – Qwest Corporation and Utility Telephone, Inc. – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement. (2/5/08)
5. D2007.11.134 – Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana LP dba Verizon Wireless - Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement. (2/5/08)

6. D2007.11.135 – Central Montana Communications, Inc. and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana LP dba Verizon Wireless – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement. (2/5/08)
7. D2007.7.82 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates – Consider revising hearing date. (2/5/08)
8. D2007.11.131 – Whitehall Wind, LLC – Complaint against NorthWestern Energy – Placeholder in case staff is ready to present the NWE Motion to Dismiss or for More Definite Statement. (2/5/08)
9. Out of state staff travel – Act on 2 travel requests: (1) Brian DeKiep, Organization of MISO States Midwest Demand Response Resource Initiative work group, March 7, Chicago; and (2) Bryan Baldwin, Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC) & Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body meetings, April 2-4, San Diego. (2/5/08)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. CenturyTel N2008.1.10 (Scott)

On January 28, 2008, CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 08-02. The purpose of this filing is to increase the Monthly Rate for Simple Choice Unlimited to \$44.95 from \$39.95. The Company is requesting an effective date of February 28, 2008, for this filing.

2. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) N2008.1.8 (Eric)

On January 11, 2008, NWE filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting on January 1, 2008. Due to a lack of materiality NWE has chosen to defer implementing tariffs reflecting these tax increases at this time. NWE proposes to accrue both under and over collections for inclusion in its next general rate filing. The under and over collections will be carried on NWE's books as regulatory liabilities and assets until returned to or recovered from customers.

3. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. N2007.11.128 (Eric D)

On January 25, 2008, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a natural gas tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries (Volume No. 6, 4th Revised Sheet No. 4). The modified tariff sheet revises Heating Zone 14 and establishes three new Heating Zones –Heating Zone 151, Heating Zone 152, and Heating Zone 15. The establishment of the new Heating Zones is necessary to measure the heating value of natural gas entering Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company's pipeline from two new receipt points.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. Utility Solutions, LLC D2005.11.163 & D2005.11.164 (AI)

On January 31, 2008, the Commission issued Protective Order No. 6707b requested by Utility Solutions, LLC. The order protects from public disclosure Utility Solutions, LLC's partnership tax returns for 2005 and 2006.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2008.1.10 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. dba CenturyTel – Transmittal No. 08-02, Increase the Monthly Rate for Simple Choice Unlimited